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SUBJ: FIRE AT PAVILION 4 OF POLYMERY 74 EXHIBITION SITE

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BEGIN SUMMARY: R.M. ZORIN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, FOREIGN
AND NATIONAL EXHIBITS, USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED AT MEETING FOR DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL
PAVILIONS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, THAT DESPITE DISASTROUS
FIRE AND DESTRUCTION PAVILION NO. 4, POLYMERY 74 WOULD
OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 3 AS PLANNED WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR ALL AFFECTED PARTICIPANTS, BOTH NATIONAL
PAVILIONS AND INDEPENDENT EXHIBITS. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED MOSCOW 13141, PAVILION 4, HOUSING FRENCH,
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CZECH, EAST GERMAN, ROMANIAN, AND PORTUGUESE EXHIBITS,

AS WELL AS PART OF WEST GERMAN EXHIBIT, COMPLETELY DESTROYED BY FIRE ON AUGUST 28. PAVILION 4 WILL NOT BE USED FOR POLYMERY 74. PAVILION 4 (11,000 SQ. METERS) REPRESENTS ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF TOTAL (37,000 SQ. METERS) EXHIBIT SPACE AVAILABLE AT SOKOLNIKI PARK.

2. ZORIN ANNOUNCED THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO PROVIDE LIMITED SPACE FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AFFECTED. WHILE CHAMBER IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ORIGINAL SPACE, EACH AFFECTED COUNTRY WILL HAVE SOME EXHIBIT SPACE. THE THREE AMERICAN FIRMS INVOLVED HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED NEW SPACE IN PAVILION NO. 11 AS FOLLOWS: DOW CHEMICAL - 60 SQ. METERS, MILLIPORE CO. - 10 SQ. METERS, SATRA REPRESENTING MEASUREX - 20 SQ. METERS. NATURALLY, THE USA PAVILION WILL SUPPORT THE AMERICAN COMPANIES TO THE MAXIMUM OF OUR AVAILABILITY. DMA HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS WITH DOW CHEMCICAL TO UTILIZE LOUNGE AND CONFERENCE ROOM AREAS. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT WELT, MILLIPORE AND SATRA BUT WILL MAKE SAME OFFER TO ALL.

3. ZORIN ANNOUNCED THAT SCHEDULE FOR FAIR ACTIVITIES WOULD PROCEED AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. COMMERCIAL CENTER, TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM, NATIONAL DAYS, PRESS CONFERENCES WILL NOT BE CHANGED. FORMAL OPENING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED 1000 HOURS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD. RIBBON WILL BE CUT BY B.A. BORISOV, CHAIRMAN, USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND L.A. KOSTANDOV, MINISTER OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. CHAMBER HAS NOT MADE OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING DEATHS OR INJURIES. DESPITE REPEATED EMBASSY INQUIRIES REGARDING ANY AMERICAN INJURIES OR DEATHS, SOVIETS HAVE CONTINUED TO LIMIT THEMSELVES TO STATEMENT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO OFFICIALLY CONFIRM ONE WAY OR OTHER ANY SUCH REPORTS.

4. SOVIETS UTILIZING PRESENT RESTAURANT FACILITIES TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR ALL EXHIBITORS AFFECTED BY FIRE. THIS LACK OF RESTAURANT FACILITIES PLUS TOTAL DESTRUCTION USA HOSPITALITY ITEMS PLACES ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON USA PAVILION WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. STOESEL

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